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In the application of:

Kouji MATSUSHIMA *et al*

Serial No.: 09/202,791

Filing Date: 22 December 1998

For: THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR ACUTE
LUNG INJURY RESULTING FROM
INDIRECT CAUSES COMPRISING
ANTI-IL-8 ANTIBODY AS ACTIVE
INGREDIENT

Examiner: Ware, D.

Group Art Unit: 1651

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --
EXAMINING GROUP 1651

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Box AF
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a Final Office Action herein mailed 13 March 2001, time for response to which is set to expire 13 June 2001. A petition for an extension of time for three (3) months until 13 September 2001 in which to respond is attached herewith along with the required fee. Pending claims 1-29 and 31-44 were rejected and the rejection was made final. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.